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SUBJ: STATUS OF CAPITAL HOSPITAL

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1. CAPITAL HOSPITAL DID SUFFER SOME DAMAGE DURING JULY EARTHQUAKE. IMMEDIATELY AFTER QUAKE, OFFICIALS CLOSED SECTION FOR FOREIGNERS AND EVACUATED CHINESE PATIENTS. A TEMPORARY TENT HOSPITAL WAS ERECTED FOR THE CHINESE⁹ THE FOREIGN SECTION WAS MOVED TO TENTS AT THE AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT HALL NEAR THE SAN LI TUN DIPLOMATIC COMPLEX.

2. FOLLOWING THE EVACUATION, EXTERNAL SCAFFOLDING WAS ERECTED IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS AROUND THE HOSPITAL AND NUMEROUS WORKERS WERE SEEN MAKING REPAIRS. SUCH ACTIVITY SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT EXTENSIVE REBUILDING WAS TAKING PLACE.

3. WITHIN THE PAST FEW WEEKS THE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN REOPENING UNITS OF THE HOSPITAL, AND THE FOREIGN SECTION, WHICH WAS CLOSED FOR WELL OVER TWO MONTHS, IS AGAIN IN OPERATION. USLO OFFICER RECENTLY VISITED HOSPITAL. HE OBSERVED THAT CRACKS CAUSED FROM QUAKE HAVE BEEN SEALED, ANY PRIOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE WAS NOT APPARENT AND ALL SCAFFOLDING SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN REMOVED. EXTERIOR OF HOSPITAL HAS NOW BEEN REPAINTED, AND IN FOREIGN SECTION THE AREA IS COMPLETELY REFURBISHED.

4. SINCE QUAKE, PRC MAY HAVE REVISED ADMISSION AND TREAT-
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MENT POLICY. THERE HAVE APPEARED SMALL NOTICES ON DOORS

TO CHINESE SECTIONS REQUESTING CHINESE TO FIRST VISIT
THEIR LOCAL HEALTH UNITS FOR MEDICAL CONSULTATION RATHER
THAN THE CAPITAL HOSPITAL.

5. USLO SEES NO REASON WHY PRC WOULD CONSIDER ABANDONING
HOSPITAL FOR LOCATION ELSEWHERE. CAPITAL HAS EXTENSIVE
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE AND
PRC WOULD EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY IN REPLACING IT. FOR
EXAMPLE, PRC HAS REFRIGERATED MORGUE FACILITIES IN THE
HOSPITAL, PROBABLY ONLY ONE FOUND IN PEKING.

6. IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE, USLO WILL
FORWARD IT TO THE DEPARTMENT. UPON DR. WILDE'S ARRIVAL,
WE WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HIM.
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